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SUBJECT: HIJACKED VC-10

REF.: TUNIS 7218

FOR SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. TUNIS REFTTEL RELAYED FONMIN CHATTI'S REQUEST TO YOU
THAT USG TELL EGYPTIANS WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE RELEASE OF
KHARTOUM TERRORISTS IN EXCHANGE FOR HOSTAGES IN CURRENT
HIJACKING. AS REPORT IN PARA 2 BELOW INDICATES, THIS
REQUEST HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, AND NO REPLY BY YOU

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IS REQUIRED.

2. AS REPORTED IN TUNIS 7227 AND STATE 259242, 259249,
AND 259256, CURRENT SITUATION IS MOVING IN DIRECTION OF:
(1) EXCHANGE OF FIVE PRISONERS CONNECTED WITH ROME
INCIDENT FOR HOSTAGES ON BOARD PLANE AND (2) MOVEMENT OF
HIJACKERS TO BAGHDAD. EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE
STANDING FIRM REGARDING RETENTION OF EIGHT TERRORISTS
CONNECTED WITH KHARTOUM INCIDENT. GIVEN FACT US CITIZENS
ARE AMONG HOSTAGES, WE HAVE BEEN RESPONDING TO TUNISIAN
REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL ADVICE BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE IN
HANDLING HIJACKING SITUATIONS, BUT ARE AVOIDING GIVING ANY

JUDGMENTS OR ADVICE TO PARTIES ABOUT WHAT THEIR DECISIONS
SHOULD BE.

3. FOR TUNIS: IF CHATTI FOLLOWS UP REQUEST REFTTEL,
AMBASSADOR SEELYE SHOULD REPLY THAT IT HAS APPARENTLY
BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS AND THAT DEPARTMENT AND
SECRETARY ARE BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF SITUATION AS
IT DEVELOPS. INGERSOLL UNQTE INGERSOLL

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